

BULLETIN

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Issue 4

Focus of the Week Be Gentle

Key Dates for Next Week

31 st October	Closing Date for Secondary School applications
24th -28th October	Half Term
31st October	Inset Day - no pupils
2 nd November	Lab in a Lorry – Rhino and Lion Class

Golden Certificate Winners in Week 6

Giraffe Class - Leo
Zebra Class – Nelly
Elephant Class – James
Monkey Class – Tommy
Crocodile Class – Immy
Rhino Class – Poppy Mae
Lion Class – Caitlin



Dear Parents and Carers

Despite the end of term and lots of very tired children (and a few adults), it has been a successful start to 2016-17. The school had two very positive inspections, one for safeguarding and a financial audit. Both visitors commented on what a lovely school we have here and when we receive praise like that, it drives us all on to keep improving and correct the things that don't go so well.

Class Reps meetings continue to be challenging but effective in communicating concerns back to school. Please use your very dedicated class rep to feedback issues to school in future through this forum. The minutes and any actions will be published on the website for the first week back.

Nell will be on medical leave after half term for several weeks. If you require help with SEND or other support, please contact me through Lisa.

Once again, can I remind you to drive and park safely when dropping

off or picking up. We do have a rather large car park by the field and there should be no reason to park across the Gym entrance or up on a kerb. This inhibits pedestrian access and causes danger to our children. Thank you.

Finally, we have to wave a sad goodbye to two members of staff. Catherine, our French teacher and Nathan. Nathan's dedication to the children both in academic and pastoral support will be missed but he is off to pursue his own dreams and we wish him every success with that.

Darren

A Message from Laura

Today was the day that 'The Book Jungle' finally opened its doors to the children for a sneak preview. Seeing the looks of delight and surprise on the children's faces was so lovely to see when each class had a quick visit to check out the room.

After the holidays, all children will be having training sessions on how to use the library effectively. We will then send home library lending cards so that your children can borrow books, audio books, and eventually DVDs and e-readers.

The library will open before and after school on certain days and there will also be a lunch club. A rota will be sent out after half term, after which all parents will be permitted access with their children. Please refrain from visiting the library until further notice - not long to wait now! The room's decor will continue to evolve over the next few months with new pieces of furniture and display areas. Please use the suggestion box to offer ideas as to how you and your children think the room could be improved further.

Before Christmas, we will officially celebrate with a special opening ceremony and a reading competition will be launched.

For the last couple of years, we have built up a great relationship with Kew Library. This has been an invaluable resource for our school in the absence of our own library. We hope that you will continue to use Kew Library to complement what we offer seeing as it is such an important part of the community. Each class will still visit Kew library, but instead of 6 times a year, there will be 2 or 3 visits.

In addition to school staff and Y6 Library leaders, we need some help with running and maintaining the library. I can offer training and support with this. If you would like to volunteer, please see me in Rhinos or send a message via Lisa.

Finally, it is important to say that without the skills, dedication, vision, creativity and commitment of four terribly modest parents, none of this would have happened. Helen (Felix's Mum) turned what was a drab room in to a stunningly beautiful work of art. Banksy, watch out! Serena (Archie's Mum) started the whole design process with her expert eye for detail, originality and decor. Katie (former Vice -chair of Governors and parent) and Keren (Orianne and Arielle's Mum) scoured the Internet for resources and made shopping trips to find crucial items that have

brought depth and life to the room. All helped out to add the finishing touches. Thanks a million!

Thanks also to Dave (Luca's Dad) who built the bookshelves and desk for us so the books now have a home! And thanks again to all of our cataloguers, including chief cataloguer, Nicola (Evie's Mum), and the colour-coders for being so flexible and efficient. To the PTA, thank you for matching school funds many moons ago, and for agreeing to fund exciting author visits and new stock in the future. School staff have also been very helpful in some shape or form so it truly has been a team effort.

We sincerely hope and believe that the library will become a resource that the children will cherish for many years to come. Learn to read, then read to learn!

Laura Martin

Whole School Information

New School Meal Menu, please see attached new menu for Autumn term. If you have any issues or queries regarding school meals please contact: Kelly Scarrott Kelly.Scarrott@uk.issworld.com or Jan King jan@avlconsultancy.co.uk

Crematorium, throughout the week starting 7th November each class will be planting some flowers at the crematorium. This is a local visit but if you do not wish your child to take part please contact Lisa at the office.

Calling all KRPS cyclists - novice or otherwise!

We are looking for parents, relatives and friends to take part in a sponsored cycle ride challenge on Friday May 19th 2017 to raise money for the development and improvement of the school field. Our destination is Bruges, approximately 255km total cycling distance, and our aim is to complete this within 36 hours!

If you are interested in taking part and would like to find out more, please email sabinamangosi@gmail.com

Secondary School Applications. Please remember to submit your online application by 31st October. Attached is copy of the Transfer to Secondary School application form for those parents who do not have access to a computer or those who may struggle to apply online by the closing date this must also be received by 31st October. The admissions team is available to help any parent that is experiencing difficulties while making their application online and we can be contacted on 020 8891 7514 between 09:00 - 14:00 & 16:00 - 17:00.

Snacks at Playtime

Please remember that if your child wants to eat a snack at morning playtime then this should be a piece of fruit only. Children may not eat biscuits, cereal bars or other food items other than fruit due to the allergies of other children around the school. Children in Giraffes, Zebras

and Elephants will continue to be provided with a free piece of fruit each day.

House Points



3184



3369



2966



3557

Community Information

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION 14 METRE MAST [NEAR SCHOOL] MORTLAKE ROAD JCT COURTLANDS AVE AND MORTLAKE RD, please see letter attach for more information.

The National Archives. Family events in the October half term, both are completely free of charge.

Firstly, on **Tuesday 25th October**, we'll be inviting families to explore some of our most treasured records to decide which of our 11 million documents is the most important. They will have the chance to examine some original items from our collection, before making their own archive box in which to store their own precious things.

Secondly, on **Thursday 27th October**, families will be exploring our new contemporary art installation commemorating the First World War.

Families will complete a mini-trail around the exhibition, before creating their own sculpture to remember something that is special to them.

Albany Outdoor Centre A full range of activity courses will be on offer during the October half term holiday at Albany Outdoors in Kingston. Come and enjoy a variety of courses delivered by qualified instructors in a safe, fun learning environment, including paddlesports and off-road cycling. For more information go to www.kingston.gov.uk/albanypark

Feel Good Fitness Membership Offer - Join now and pay nothing until the end of the year

Offer is valid until 14 November 2015 and joining fee applies.

- 4 pools, 5 gyms and over 200 fitness classes
- Money back guarantees on all memberships
- Fully staffed state of the art gyms with qualified instruction
- Membership covers 6 centres
- Complimentary personalised programmes every 14 visits
- Regular instructor led abdominal training services

Call us on 020 3772 2999 for more information or visit

www.richmond.gov.uk/fgf_offers (Terms and conditions apply.)

LMA Mini Maestro family concerts

The London Musical Arts Orchestra has a range of concerts for children:

www.lmaorchestra.com/mini-maestro

Contact information of the School Health Nurse

Senior School Health Nurse (Richmond), Central London Community Healthcare, St John's Health Centre, Oak Lane, Twickenham, TW1 3PA

Mobile no - 07984 573622 Team no – 0208 9174220

Working hours – Tuesday - Friday

<https://healthmatters.clch.nhs.uk>

Aiming High and Additional Support Funding

Children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, under the age of 18, living in Kingston and Richmond are eligible for Aiming High Funding and Additional Support Funding.

To find out more, go to the Local Offer website:

www.afclocaloffer.org.uk/pages/home/leisure-activities-and-short-breaks/aiming-high-funding

Home Start. If you have some free time after the Christmas holidays, and you are a parent or grandparent, you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run in Kingston 10am-2.30pm, every Wednesday for 7 weeks from January (not half-term). After the course, you would visit a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more information, please contact Angie Ahmed on 020 8487 8500 info@homestart-richmond.org.uk or visit www.homestart-richmond.org.uk. Registered charity no: 1108975. See attached flier.

Kidz Market, new and pre-loved children's items on sale. See attached flier.

Chesterton Kew are collecting unwanted coats, please see their attached flier

Key Stage 1 (Giraffe, Zebra & Elephant)

Giraffes

KS1 Christmas Nativity

Please see the attached document for a full cast list of these years Christmas Nativity 'Busy Busy Bethlehem'. There will be details of your child's part as well as costume ideas. Please come and speak to Sarah, Chris or Emily if you have any questions. Thank you.

Zebras

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Perform Dance Workshop, 8th November please remember your child's PE kits for the workshop.

Parents Consultations – Tuesday 15th November and Wednesday 16th

November, please see the attached letter for further information and booking your appointment slots.

Elephants

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Perform Dance Workshop, 8th November please remember your child's PE kits for the workshop.

Science Museum – 14th November

Parents Consultations – Tuesday 15th November and Wednesday 16th November, please the attached letter for further information and booking your appointment slots.

Key Stage 2 (Monkey, Crocodile, Rhino & Lion)

Monkeys

Perform Dance Workshop, 8th November please remember your child's PE kits for the workshop.

Parents Consultations – Tuesday 15th November and Wednesday 16th November, please the attached letter for further information and booking your appointment slots.

Swimming Lessons- Please remember to pay either online or at the office.

Crocodiles

Perform Dance Workshop, 8th November please remember your child's PE kits for the workshop.

Parents Consultations – Tuesday 15th November and Wednesday 16th November, please the attached letter for further information and booking your appointment slots.

Pensford Field – 5th December

Rhinos

Lab in a Lorry Workshop - Rhino and Lion classes will have the exciting opportunity to participate in a materials, properties and bridge building science workshop on Wednesday 2nd November. This is an in-school workshop provided by Kingston University's Outreach Program.

Perform Dance Workshop, 8th November. Children need to arrive in their PE kits for the workshop and please remember your child's school uniform to change back into.

Parents Consultations – Tuesday 15th November and Wednesday 16th November, please the attached letter for further information and booking your appointment slots.

Engineering Day – Rhino and Lion classes will participate in an in-school science workshop led by the Smallpiece Trust on Thursday 17th November. They will plan, design and build crash-proof vehicles in a thrilling, all day engineering challenge.

Lions

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Perform Dance Workshop, 8th November please remember your child's PE kits for the workshop.

Parents Consultations – Tuesday 15th November and Wednesday 16th November, please the attached letter for further information and booking your appointment slots.

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Pensford Field – 1st December

Key dates for your diary

24th -28th October

Half Term

31st October

Inset Day no pupils

2 nd November	Lab in a Lorry – Rhino and Lion Class
7 th November	Planting flowers at Crematorium – Whole School
8 th November	Dance Workshop – Zebra to Rhino Class
9 th November	Maths Challenge (Radnor House)
11 th November	Individual school photos
14 th November	Science Museum – Elephant Class
15 th November	Parents Consultation
16 th November	Parents Consultation
17 th November	Engineering Day – Rhino and Lion Class
25 th November	Mufti Day – PTA Christmas Fair
1 st December	Pensford Field – Lion Class
2 nd December	Kew Sparkle
5 th December	Pensford Field – Crocodile Class
9 th December	Mufti Day – PTA for bring a bottles and donate Cakes for Christmas Fair
9 th December	PTA Christmas Fair
16 th December	Barn Church (rehearsal)
16 th December	Christmas lunch
19 th December	Barn Church (rehearsal)
20 th December	Barn Church performance – Key Stage 2

22nd – 2nd January

Christmas Holidays

3rd January

Inset Day no pupils

Please check the school website for term dates, including INSET days.

Slips to be returned/Attachments to bulletin

Whole School	Giraffe Class	Zebra Class	Elephant Class
Parent consultation letter Mast letter Kidz Market	Christmas Nativity costume ideas	Christmas Nativity costume ideas	Christmas Nativity costume ideas
Monkey Class	Crocodile Class	Rhino Class	Lion Class
			Secondary form

Please remember that you can keep up to date on the school website <http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/page/default.asp?title=Home&pid=1>

As you know you are all automatically part of our schools PTA. Meetings and event details can be found in the fortnightly bulletin or on the

website <http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/page/default.asp?title=Home&pid=1>

You can also keep up to date via the PTA's Facebook page where you'll also be reminded to send in the library card or a child in dress up! Only current parents/carers of the school can join and you must hold a Facebook account. Please

email charlottesmith77@me.com or sabinamangosi@gmail.com for the link.